UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

ANDREW S. ¹)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) Civil No. 3:24-cv-02665-GCS
COMMISSIONER of SOCIAL SECURITY,)))
Defendant.)

MEMORANDUM & ORDER

SISON, Magistrate Judge:

Pending before the Court is a joint motion to award attorney fees and expenses. (Doc. 23). Specifically, the parties agree that Plaintiff is entitled to \$8,350.00 in fees and expenses. Thus, the Court **GRANTS** the motion.

Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), it is hereby ordered that Plaintiff is awarded \$8,350.00 for attorney fees and expenses in full satisfaction of any and all claims for attorney fees and expenses that may be payable to Plaintiff in this matter under the EAJA, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. Any fees paid belong to Plaintiff and not Plaintiff's attorney and can be offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt that the litigant owes the United States. *See Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If Defendant can verify that Plaintiff does not owe a pre-

Plaintiff's full name will not be used in this Memorandum & Order due to privacy concerns. *See* FED. R. CIV. PROC. 5.2(c) and the Advisory Committee Notes thereto.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: July 14, 2025.

Gilbert C Sison

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GILBERT C. SISON United States Magistrate Judge